

11 RECEIVED MR. BROWN: Thank you. Janet Greenwald?  
12 NOV 16 1999 MS. GREENWALD: Hello again.  
13 MR. BROWN: Hello again.  
14 MS. GREENWALD: I wanted to tell you a  
15 little story as my testimony. Years ago I went down to  
16 Loving, New Mexico, which is the closest town to the  
17 WIPP site in New Mexico. We were visiting with the  
18 people in that community. Is this close enough?  
19 MR. BROWN: Yes, that's fine.  
20 MS. GREENWALD: Okay. We wanted a place  
21 to swim because it was a very hot day. And we were  
22 told by the people that the place to swim, the best  
23 place was the Rio Negro. That was because the Rio  
24 Negro appears out of the ground and runs for a short  
25 way then disappears into the ground again, so it's very

1 clean and it's not at all polluted because it runs  
2 across the ground's surface for such a short amount of  
3 time. We took our family there and swam there.

4 Then that fall I entered a class at UNM.  
5 The Westerning American I think it was called. In my  
6 class was a Dr. White, who worked for the U.S.  
7 Geological Survey, and did computer simulations on  
8 water flow at WIPP.

9 I said to him, "Well, I've talked to  
10 several scientists who tell me that carst is a problem  
11 at WIPP." Carst means that water runs under the  
12 surface instead of along the surface. Sometimes it  
13 goes down through the surface through holes. In the  
14 case of WIPP it goes down through the sand, finds a  
15 place the rock will hold it, and runs across.

16 He said, you know, "I've been working on  
17 these computer simulations for several years and  
18 there's no carst down there." And he said, "Let me  
19 explain to you" -- because he knew I wasn't a  
20 geologist -- "in places where there are carst, rivers  
21 appear and disappear unlike at the WIPP site."

22 And I realized that Dr. White, who was  
23 definitely a man of integrity and was probably a good  
24 scientist, had never been to the WIPP site. He had  
25 just been taking in the data that people had given him,

1 the conditions that people had told him about, and he  
2 kept putting those into his computer simulations. And  
3 WIPP looked pretty good to Dr. White.

1 4 So here is the thing about computer  
5 simulations. Where does the information come from? Is  
6 it data based on data based on data based on data which  
7 is based on someone's projection of something? You  
8 know, is there a ground in reality? Is there a real  
9 ground in reality?

2 10 This man saying that he thought they  
11 should take a, you know, at least a cask as heavy as  
12 the one that's going to be, and actually drive it along  
13 I-70 doesn't seem like such a bad idea to me. I know  
14 it seems crazy for people who do a lot of computer  
15 simulations; to me, it seems like a good idea.

3... 16 This is the first time I've ever visited  
17 Denver. And I am amazed, I'm amazed that with all of  
18 the work and energy and brilliant people involved that  
19 the solution for this waste is to truck it through on  
20 those high overpasses through this heavily populated  
21 area.

22 I've never even seen -- I've never been  
23 back east. I've never even seen overpasses like that,  
24 curves that go way up in the air.

25 Then the density of the population here.

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1 This is also one of the biggest cities I've ever seen.  
2 I stayed downtown last night, and I know the population  
3 of the downtown area is at least half minority, you  
4 know. And surely a place like the mousetrap, which I  
5 saw for the first time today, is much closer to those  
6 minority areas than they are to your all-white suburbs.

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So those are my comments. Thanks.